

The Quogue Village Voice

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Happy Fall, everyone. The Board of Trustees believes that the following items may be of interest to residents:

Quogue Market

Contractors for the new operator of the Quogue Market have been working hard on improvements all Fall, and we are hoping to have our market up and running in the near future. Quogue residents have certainly missed having it, and as soon as it gets going, we hope that everyone will patronize it early and often.

Fall Leaf Pick-up Program

The Village Highway Department will pick up leaves beginning on November 1st. Leaves must be on the shoulder of the street by December 15th in order to be picked up. Do not pile leaves around fire hydrants or utility equipment. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.** They will not be picked up. No brush, such as twigs, branches and lawn cuttings, will be taken away, and mixing this debris with leaves will result in the leaves not being removed. Brush with branches up to 3" in diameter may be taken to the Town of Southampton recycling facilities. For more information go to <http://www.southamptontownny.gov/216/Waste-Management>.

Quogue Village Website

The Village website, <http://www.villageofquogueny.gov>, contains quite a lot of information that residents may find useful from time to time, including the composition of various boards, meeting schedules, meeting minutes, forms that can be downloaded, the Quogue Village Code, announcements and links to the websites of local organizations. We encourage you to use it and make suggestions.

Alarm Registrations

Alarm registration renewal forms were sent this year exclusively by email. If you have an alarm and did not receive one, you can download the form from the aforementioned Village website. If there is an alarm at your home when no one is there, up to date contact information for use by the fire and police departments is essential.

House Numbers

Please be sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street. Failure to display it is a violation of the Village Code and more importantly could have dire consequences in the event of an emergency.

Proposed "Hills Seasonal Resort" project in East Quogue

This proposed project generated quite a few questions from residents when Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman spoke at Village Hall in September at the invitation of the Quogue Association. The Town of Southampton Council has now determined that the draft environmental impact statement is complete and scheduled the first public hearing for 6:00 pm on Monday, November 7th at the East Quogue Elementary School.

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Put on your calendar a stop at the Quogue Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 27th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. It is a great way to wrap up your Thanksgiving weekend with your family and also show your appreciation for the hard work of the men and women of the Fire Department.

Fire Island to Montauk Point Draft General Reevaluation Report

The Army Corps of Engineers and the NY Department of Environmental Conservation held public hearings on this report, which was released in July 2016. A number of Quogue residents attended the session in Southampton. Prior to the expiration of the public comment period on October 19th, we sent the following comments:

1. Living in a community having approximately 2.7 miles of oceanfront, Quogue residents have seen many changes to its beach over the years and well know the variability that can occur in beach and dune width and height. Quogue is in the Proactive Breach Response Area, and there appears to be approximately 2,500

feet in the eastern part of the Village and a large area east of Quogue in the Town of Southampton where some degree of initial construction (beach and dune nourishment) is contemplated. The measurements upon which the initial fill projections in the report are based seem to have been taken in November 2012. A lot of sand movement has occurred since then throughout our region, and it is important to reassess the area. Please advise in the report the interval prior to the commencement of construction at which updated beach surveys will be undertaken so that an accurate assessment of the locations and volumes of the initial fill in the Village of Quogue can be made.

2. As to timing, it would be helpful to include in the Report in a single place a projected timeline of the beach-related initial construction activities. Appendix F (Real Estate Plan) sets forth on page 4 a list of project phases and related contracts and then some scheduling on page 14 for real estate acquisitions for the contracts, but it is not clear exactly what the contracts cover. For example, would Quogue be in Contract 3, which refers to Tiana Beach? If so, that would indicate advertisement for bids in January 2020 and construction after that. On a minor editing point, note that the cover of Appendix F has an "H" instead of an "F."
3. Pages 50-56 of the Report (principally) contain a discussion of the breach vulnerability in the project area and an assessment of the probability of a breach in the specified locations over the 50 year study period. A discussion or table(s) setting forth the reduction in breach vulnerability if the project is implemented and maintained would be helpful to assess the benefits of the project in the specified locations.
4. Large portions of Borrow Areas 5B and 5Bexp are located directly offshore of Quogue, and the northern border of both those areas is not much more than ½ mile from the beach. Based on the draft Report, Borrow Area 5Bexp is projected to be used for Beach Model SB-D1, which includes Quogue and some areas between Quogue and Shinnecock Inlet (although Appendix B indicates that Borrow Area 5B will be used for that area, which is possibly an inconsistency between the Report and the Appendix). Borrow Area 5B has been and continues to be used for Beach Model MB-D1, Smith Point County Park, and possibly Beach Model MB-D2, Westhampton West of Groins. Interested Quogue residents are seeking assurances that the dredging activity immediately off our shore will not have an adverse effect on our in-shore sand bar, beach or dunes. There is an explanation of "Wave Attenuation Avoidances" on pages B-16 and B-17 of Appendix B. We believe that there is a need to publish and explain with more clarity the computer modeling data that was used by the ACOE to conclude that dredging in the relevant borrow areas does not adversely affect the shoreline. Does the "shoreline" referred to on Appendix B, page B-17 include the inner sand bar, which is very important and prevalent in Quogue? Does the modeling that was undertaken represent the best currently available scientific methodology for evaluating the effects? This issue is obviously a very critical one for Quogue and elsewhere where borrow areas are near to shore.